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HOUSE RESOLUTION 49
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A RESOLUTION To honor Thomas William Archer of Kingsport
for his continued service to his community and to
this State.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, One such person is Mr. Thomas William Archer, of Kingsport, who has served since 1995 for Wal-Mart Stores, Incorporated, as a Loss Prevention District Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Before starting his tenure at Wal-Mart, Mr. Archer devotedly served the good people of Sullivan County for nineteen years as a member of the Sheriff's Department, working in several different departments until he reached the rank of Lieutenant. From 1976-85, he served as a Patrol Officer in the Criminal Investigations Department and, in 1983, he was duly appointed as their first County Coroner; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning in 1985, he worked assiduously for the State of Tennessee and Sullivan County in the Department of Human Services as a Child Abuse Investigator until he moved to the 2nd Judicial Drug Task Force in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Thomas joined the Wal-Mart team in 1995 as their Loss Prevention District Supervisor; in this position he has been, and currently continues to be, responsible for investigating safety and fraud cases for various multi-million dollar Wal-Mart stores in his district area, which encompasses such states as: Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, During his astute service with Wal-Mart, Mr. Archer has investigated hundreds of cases recovering thousands of dollars in merchandise and cash, thus ensuring the success of the company and helping to keep prices affordable to their customers; and

WHEREAS, Thomas William Archer is well-qualified and is considered to be an expert in his field; he has been certified through the following schools and seminars: Criminal Investigation School in Nashville; Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation School at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina; Child Abuse Investigation School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; National Intelligence Academy Surveillance and Drug Investigations School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Wal-Mart Executive Protection Team Training by the United States Secret Service Training Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Archer has been the recipient of numerous honors rewarding him for his adeptness and alacritous service; he has been awarded the Wal-Mart Certificate of Merit; the Wal-Mart Achievement Leadership Award, and has twice received the Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Profit Impact Player; he has been issued a letter of commendation from both the National Intelligence Academy and from United States Representative James Quillen; he was named the 1987 Police Officer of the Year by the Fraternal Order of Police, and was named "Colonel Aide de Camp" by Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, A true Tennessee Volunteer, Mr. Archer has remained actively involved in his community by organizing benefit motorcycle rides in both 2000 and 2001 for the Children's Miracle Network; he participated for five years in the American Cancer Society's Jail-A-Thon, and has been heavily involved in the Sullivan County Child Advocacy Center and the Children's Network for Child Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Thomas William Archer is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his dedicated wife, Donna Archer; he is the proud father of sons, Byron and Allen, of his step-daughter, Tara Hammonds Herald, and of his step-son, John Edward Hyatt. He is also the loving grandparent of one grandson, Hunter Herald; and

WHEREAS, He has worked tirelessly in service of countless good works, not for applause or acclaim, but rather for the satisfaction of knowing his community is a better and safer place in which to live as a result of his own efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is not often that a man of Mr. Archer's stature walks among us, and it is important that we honor him for his strong character and selfless good works; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we do hereby recognize Mr. Thomas William Archer of Kingsport for his unflagging dedication to the good people of this State and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.